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I have the honour to enclose herewith text of the press statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore on the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions on the situation in the Gulf, in particular resolution 678 (1990). I should be grateful if this letter, along with its enclosure, could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dr. CHAN Heng Chee

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Press statement issued on 17 January 1991 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Singapore, on the Gulf crisis

The Singapore Government supports the military actions taken by the multinational force in the Gulf to implement the United Nations Security Council resolutions, especially resolution 678.

The Singapore Government deeply regrets the failure of all the peace initiatives undertaken to implement the United Nations resolutions, including the mission undertaken personally by the United Nations Secretary-General. The international community could no longer do nothing given Iraq's continued defiance of the United Nations resolutions. Failure to implement the United Nations resolutions would have undermined respect for international law as well as the credibility of the United Nations. This would not be in the long-term interests of all nations, and especially small States like Singapore.

The Singapore Government hopes that the military actions taken in the Gulf will quickly end the unlawful Iraqi occupation of Kuwait with a minimal loss of life.